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CTASLA Observes World Landscape Architecture Month with Event at State Legislative Office Building Celebrating the New Veterans Memorial at Minuteman Park

April is World Landscape Architecture Month, an international celebration of landscape architecture. Established by the American Society of Landscape Architecture (ASLA), World Landscape Architecture Month introduces the public to the profession by showcasing landscape architect-designed spaces around the world — such as parks, college campuses, greenways, retail developments, and stunning backyards.

With nearly 300 members across the state, the Connecticut Chapter of ASLA has many reasons to celebrate! Our members practice around the world — in China, Dubai, South America, Europe, and throughout Connecticut and the United States. Landscape architects help create vibrant public spaces that enhance local economies, bring back ecological balance, and help us celebrate our history.

In observance of World Landscape Architecture Month, the Connecticut Chapter of ASLA will host a reception at the State Legislative Office Building (2nd floor atrium) in Hartford, from 8-11 a.m. on Thursday, April 28.

The event will, in part, be a celebration of the new Veterans Memorial at Minuteman Park, located in front of the Hartford State Armory (adjacent to the LOB). Landscape architects of BL Companies, Inc., led the design and construction of this monumental public space. Completed in 2015, the plaza pays tribute to Connecticut's heroes and heroines of the past, honors the veterans of today, and demonstrates the appreciation we hold for their service to our country.

Landscape architects will provide a tour of the Memorial, describing design goals, veterans' engagement, and the importance that the first statewide memorial has to the State of Connecticut. The public is welcome; refreshments will be served.

"As a place for ceremony and remembrance, the Veterans Memorial is one project that demonstrates how landscape architects connect people to culture and to outdoor spaces that improve our quality of life," said Barbara Yaeger, president of the Connecticut Chapter of ASLA and principal of B. Yaeger, LLC, a Madison, CT-based landscape architecture firm.

World Landscape Architecture Month also holds special meaning for Connecticut landscape architects because Frederick Law Olmsted, considered the "father of landscape architecture," is a Connecticut native, and designed many influential public spaces across the state. His birthday, April 26, is celebrated as Frederick Law Olmsted Day in Connecticut. Learn more about Olmsted's Connecticut works at www.OlmstedLegacyTrail.com.

About ASLA: "Green since 1899," ASLA is the national professional association for landscape architects, representing more than 15,000 members in 48 professional chapters. ASLA and its local chapters promote the profession of landscape architecture and advance its practice through advocacy, education, communication, and fellowship.

Landscape architecture is a comprehensive discipline of land analysis, planning, design, management, preservation and rehabilitation. Landscape architects are the "general practitioners" of designed outdoor spaces, uniquely skilled at seeing the big picture. Trained in a diverse range of fields — including ecology, sociology, art, history, plant and soil science, engineering, and law — landscape architects work with allied professionals to create places that enhance the environment, respect architecture, and add value to communities.

Like engineers and architects, landscape architects are licensed in the state of Connecticut to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

Learn more about landscape architecture at <http://www.asla.org>. To learn more about the Connecticut Chapter of ASLA, see <http://www.ctasla.org>.

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Photo of Veterans Memorial attached (high resolution version available on request).
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Caption: Veterans Memorial at Minuteman Park, Hartford.